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DC Zoning Commission:

I oppose replacing Bruce Monroe Community Park with a 9-story-plus-penthouse tower. (Case 16-11) -- frankly, I oppose the replacement of such a key community space with ANY realty development.

The city's new Comprehensive Plan requires a thorough impact assessment -- ensuring that negative impacts on neighborhoods, transportation, environmental quality, and other issues are assessed and adequately mitigated. The DC Appeals court made clear this was not thoroughly done.

The Covid pandemic has made the access of outdoor public spaces VASTLY important. I am so disappointed to hear that after 2020 the DC Zoning Commission would consider reducing the amount of public outdoor space. If any housing developments are (should be) considered - it's to replace all of the unused office space downtown.

More parks are important. I wish DC would invest in the city's parks and add more resources to Bruce Monroe Community Park -- where I've played basketball (badly), tossed frisbees (with some degree of skill), played tennis, roller bladed and just generally palavared!

I love seeing the different playgrounds for a wider age range of little kids, and seeing grandparents with babies, or gardeners in the southwest corner, or just young people hanging out, being silly.

I've gone countless times to visit. For some reason, there's always a huge line at Banneker for their 8 tennis courts, but Bruce Monroe is often open - and highly underrated.

Please support the community by voting against replacing this community park!

Sincerely,
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